

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (cancelled)
2. (currently amended) The vessel of claim [1] 39 wherein the wall structure is self-supporting.
3. (currently amended) The vessel of claim [1] 39, wherein the wall structure includes a bottom wall and an upstanding side wall.
4. (original) The vessel of claim 3, wherein the side wall is substantially cylindrical in shape.
5. (original) The vessel of claim 3, wherein the side wall is non-cylindrical in shape.
6. (original) The vessel of claim 3, wherein the bottom wall and the open upper end are of substantially the same size.
7. (original) The vessel of claim 3, wherein the open upper end is larger than the bottom wall.
8. (currently amended) The vessel of claim [1] 39, wherein each of the bottom wall and the open upper end is generally oval in shape.
9. (original) The vessel of claim 3, wherein the ramp extends from the bottom wall to the open upper end.
10. (currently amended) The vessel of claim [1] 39, wherein the wall structure is formed of a light-transmitting material.
11. (original) The vessel of claim 10, wherein the wall structure is transparent and the ramp is translucent.

12. (currently amended) The vessel of claim [1] 39, wherein the wall structure is of unitary one-piece construction.

13. (currently amended) The vessel of claim [1] 39, wherein the ramp is integral with the wall structure.

14. (original) The vessel of claim 13, wherein the ramp has an upper surface facing the open upper end, the indicia being disposed on the upper surface.

15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) The vessel of claim [1] 39, wherein the ramp has a constant slope.

17. (currently amended) The vessel of claim [1] 39, and further comprising a spout projecting outwardly from the wall structure and having an exit end at the open upper end and an entry end.

18. (original) The vessel of claim 17, wherein the ramp extends from a lower end of the wall structure to the entry end of the spout.

19. (original) The vessel of claim 17, wherein the ramp has an upper surface on which the indicia are disposed facing the open upper end, the spout having an inner surface continuous with the upper surface of the ramp.

20. (currently amended) The vessel of claim [1] 39, and further comprising a handle extending outwardly from the wall structure.

21. (original) The vessel of claim 20, and further comprising a spout on the wall structure opposite from the handle.

22. (original) The vessel of claim 20, wherein the wall structure has a lower end lying in a base plane, the handle having a distal end spaced from the wall structure and disposed in the base plane.

23. (original) The vessel of claim 22, wherein the handle includes an elongated portion extending substantially perpendicular to the base plane.

24. (original) The measuring vessel of claim 20, and further comprising a grip sheath of elastomeric material disposed on the handle.

25. (original) A vessel comprising:

a wall structure defining a cavity with an open upper end for receiving contents having a measurable volume,

first and second continuous ramps extending upwardly from adjacent to a lower end of the wall structure and respectively adjacent to opposite sides of the wall structure, and

first and second indicia respectively positioned on the first and second ramps so as to be observable by a user looking downwardly toward the open upper end and providing readily observable indications of the volume of the contents of the vessel.

26. (original) The vessel of claim 25, wherein the ramps are respectively disposed on opposite sides of the wall structure.

27. (original) The vessel of claim 26, wherein each of the ramps is integral with the wall structure.

28. (original) The vessel of claim 27, wherein each of the ramps has an upper surface facing the open upper end, the first and second indicia being respectively disposed on the upper surfaces of the ramps.

29. (original) The vessel of claim 28, wherein each ramp has laterally inner and outer edges, the wall structure having a portion above the ramps integral with the outer edges and a portion below the ramps integral with the inner edges.

30. (original) The vessel of claim 25, wherein the first indicia are different from the second indicia.

31. (original) The vessel of claim 30, wherein the first indicia make up a scale in English units of measurement and the second indicia make up a scale in metric units of measurement.

32. (original) The vessel of claim 25, wherein the ramps are joined at a common upper end.

33. (original) The vessel of claim 32, and further comprising a spout projecting from the wall structure and having an exit end at the open upper end and an entry end therebelow, the upper end of the ramps being disposed at the entry end of the spout.

34. (original) The vessel of claim 33, wherein the wall structure includes a bottom wall and an upstanding side wall integral with the bottom wall.

35. (original) The vessel of claim 25, wherein the wall structure has a lower end lying in a base plane, and further comprising a handle projecting from the wall structure and having a distal end spaced from the wall structure and lying in the base plane.

36. (original) The vessel of claim 35, and further comprising a grip sheath of elastomeric material disposed on the handle.

37. (original) A vessel comprising:
a wall structure defining a cavity with an open upper end for receiving contents having a measurable volume,

the wall structure having upstanding inner surface portions,
a continuous ramp extending upwardly from adjacent to a lower end of the wall structure
and laterally from the inner surface portions, and
indicia positioned on the ramp so as to be observable by a user looking downwardly
toward the open upper end and providing a readily observable indication of the volume of the
contents of the vessel.

38. (New) A vessel comprising:

a wall structure defining a cavity with an open upper end for receiving contents having a
measurable volume,

a continuous ramp extending upwardly from adjacent to a lower end of the wall structure
wherein the ramp has laterally inner and outer edges,

the wall structure including a portion above the ramp integral with the outer edge thereof
and a portion below the ramp integral with the inner edge thereof, and

indicia positioned on the ramp so as to be observable by a user looking downwardly
toward the open upper end and providing a readily observable indication of the volume of the
contents of the vessel.

39. (New) A vessel comprising:

a wall structure defining a cavity with an open upper end for receiving contents having a
measurable volume,

a continuous ramp extending upwardly from adjacent to a lower end of the wall structure,
the cavity being wider above the ramp than below the ramp, and

indicia positioned on the ramp so as to be observable by a user looking downwardly toward the open upper end and providing a readily observable indication of the volume of the contents of the vessel.